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SUBJECT: PL 480 AND CCC PORTION OF USG ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ZAIRE

REF: (A) STATE 194480, (B) KINSHASA 8357

1. DATA FURNISHED BY REF B REPORTS GOZ RICE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CY 1975, 30,000-35,000 TONS, REPORTEDLY, NO SIGNIFINANT RICE IMPORTS HAVE BEEN MADE SO FAR CY 1975. RICE IS PRESENTLY IN CRITICAL SUPPLY AND IN ABSENCE OF IMPORTS WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL LOCAL HARVEST BEGINS IN FEBRUARY.

2. GOZ OFFICIALS AT HIGHEST LEVELS HAVE EXPRESSED VITIAL IMPORTANCE OF RICE IMPORTS. IN VIEW OF EXPRESSED INTEREST AND ALSO BECAUSE OF CCC CREDIT TERMS FOR RICE (THREE YEARS AS OPPOSED TO ONLY ONE YEAR FOR WHEAT), WE RECOMMEND THAT EMPHASIS BE PLACED UPON SATISFYING RICE REQUIREMENTS.

3. DATA FURNISHED REF B GIVES HISTORICAL RICE IMPORTS. WE CONTEMPLATE THAT RICE URM'S WILL BE APPROXIMATELQ 10,000-20,000 TONU. THUS, THERE IS SIGNIFICANT SCOPE FOR TITLE I, PL 480 AS WELL AS FOR CCC CREDITS FOR RICE.

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT CCC CREDITS BE USED TO SATISFY
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RICE UMR REQUIREMENTS. BASED UPON OUR ESTIMATES, COST

OF RICE UMR'S WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$5-10 MILLION.
WE RECOMMEND THAT TITLE I, PL 480 BE USED TO SUPPLY
REMAINDER OF RICE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS.

5. WE AGREE WITH REFTTEL THAT EMPHASIS FOR PL 480 AND
CCC CREDITS SHOULD BE FOR FOOD AS OPPOSED TO NON-FOOD
ITEMS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER TO SUBMIT OUR RECOM-
MENDATIONS FOR USD OF REMAINDER OF CCC CREDITS AFTER
RICE UMR'S ARE DETERMINED. ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
WHETHER OR NOT CORN WILL BE AVAILABLE UNDER CCC OR
PL 480, TITLE I, OR BOTH, AND TERMS FOR SUCH BEFORE
MAKING RECOMMENDATION AS TO DIVISION BETWEEN CORN AND
WHEAT. WE HOPE THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE AVAIL-
ABLE IN NEAR FUTURE.

6. TO EXTENT THAT CCC AND/OR PL 480, TITLE I AVAIL-
ABILITY NOT REQUIRED FOR IMPORTS OF RICE, WHEAT AND
CORN, WE RECOMMEND THAT IT BE USED FOR IMPORTS OF
COTTON AND TOBACCO.

7. WE RECOMMEND EARLIEST POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS SO AS
TO BEGIN CCC SHIPMENTS OF RICE TO MEET UMR REQUIRE-
MENTS. LIKEWISE, WE RECOMMEND ASAP DETERMINATION

TO POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF RICE UNDER TITLE I, PL 480.
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